REMARKS

No claims having been canceled and no claims having been added, the Applicant contends that claims 1-22 remain pending and properly under consideration in this application.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has requested an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among various inventions identified in the originally filed claims of the application, the claim groups and inventions being identified as:

Group I Claims 1-6 and 8-12, drawn to a technical feature of a drug that comprises

a hollow nanoparticle containing a particle-forming protein; and

Group II Claims 7 and 13-22, drawn to a drawn to a technical feature of a method

of treating a disease through administration of the drug set forth in

Group I.

Applicant's Election

In response to this restriction requirement, the Applicant elects, without traverse, the invention of claims 1-6 and 8-12 (the claims of Group I) drawn to a drug that comprises a hollow nanoparticle containing a particle-forming protein.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above elections, the Applicant submits that the present application in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any underpayment or non-payment of any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 08-0750, including, in particular, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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